

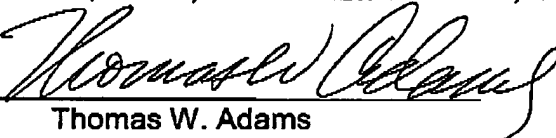
Serial No. 10/731,648Docket No. ATOTP0107USA**REMARKS**

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment to add the claim to priority to the provisional application upon which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)(1), in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5)(ii). Entry of the amendment including Applicants' priority claim at this time is proper, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5)(ii), since it is filed within sixteen months of the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/508,673, which was filed on 03 October 2003, less than sixteen months prior to the filing date of the instant Preliminary Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Office to accord the filing date of the prior-filed provisional application, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/508,673, , that is, 03 October 2003, as the effective filing date of the present application. In addition, Applicants respectfully request the Office to issue a corrected filing receipt to reflect the contents of this paper and Applicants' claim to priority to the prior-filed provisional application, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/508,673, filed on 03 October 2003.

In the event issues arise as a result of the filing of this paper, or remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite examination and allowance of the application. Should any additional fees be required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. ATOTP0107USA.

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